

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Kimihiro ABE

Appln. No.: 10/043,110

Group Art Unit: 2833

Confirmation No.: 7282

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: January 14, 2002

For: CONNECTOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

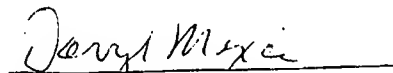
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Figs. 6A -6B2 are views explanatory of the condition of use of the connectors shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 6A is a view showing a locked condition, and Figs. 6B1 and 6B2 are views showing a lock-canceling operation.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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## APPENDIX

### VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

#### DESCRIPTION:

Modification is changed as follows:

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Fig. 6 is a view Figs. 6A -6B2 are views explanatory of the condition of use of the  
shown in Fig. 1, and Fig. 6A is a view showing a locked condition, and Figs. 6B1  
6B2 are views showing a lock-canceling operation.